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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Andhra Pradesh Forest Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly Forest Range Officer, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 – Imposition of penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year" on Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.) – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.63 **Dated:07.10.2021**

Read the following:

1) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad Lr. Rc.No.36179/2005/K-II/1, dated 07.03.2012.
2) Memo.No.4801/For.IV/A1/2005-5, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 26.02.2016.
3) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Lr. Ref.No.36179/2005/A&DC-1, dated 07.08.2018.
4) Govt. Lr.No.4801/For.IV/A1/2005-9, dated 24.08.2021.
5) From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.442/DC & C/2021, dated 21.09.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has informed that based on the Vigilance & Enforcement report, the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the Ref.No.36179/2005/PXA3 (iv), dated 24.12.2005 under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991:-

> Article:"That he had while working as Forest Range Officer, Range No.V, Pedabayulu of Paderu Division shown gross neglect of duty and shown lack of supervision on the subordinates working under his control resulted the execution of percolation tank work near Velamagaruvu (v) in Jakkam RF is wrong selected place resulted in the entire expenditure of Rs.25,568/- incurred on the work is wasteful and further there is an excess payment of Rs.18,042 in the said amount and improper check measurement of the work thereby caused a loss to a tune of Rs.25,568/- to the state exchequer".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 09.01.2006. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad appointed the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HRD) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Paderu Division as Presenting Officer vide Rc.No.36179/2005/PXA-3 (i) & (ii), dated 19.12.2009 & 10.02.2010 respectively, for conducting the regular inquiry.

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3. The Inquiry Officer & the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HRD) has completed the inquiry and submitted findings vide Ref.No.36179/2005-P3, dated 09.03.2010, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that in view of the analysis made out in the case and based on the connected records, the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer to the Article of Charge issued to him and keeping in view of the statement recorded at the time of regular enquiry, it is concluded that the charge leveled against the Charged Officer is proved beyond reasonable doubt.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that the findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer in Rc.No.36179/2005/K3, dated 25.03.2010. The Charged Officer acknowledged the final notice and submitted his further defence statement on 18.11.2011.

5. Since the Charged Officer has retired from the Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the entire matter, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year", against the Charged Officer Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle. Accordingly, in the Memo., 2nd read above a show-cause notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer while indicating the quantum of above said penalty, through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

7. In the reference 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF has furnished the dated acknowledgement in token receipt of Show cause notice on 18.03.2016 by Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle and the Charged Officer did not submit any further defence statement within stipulated time.

8. After careful examination of the entire issue, the Government decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year", against the Charged Officer Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle. Accordingly, in the letter 4th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has been requested to obtain the concurrence of the Commission on the proposed penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year", against the Charged Officer Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle.

9. In the letter 5th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, has informed that Commission agreed with the proposals of the Government, to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year", against Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle.

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10. Government have examined the entire matter carefully and it has been decided to impose a penalty of **"2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year"**, against Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.). Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of **"2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year"**, against Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR G.Srkr
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V. Balam Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly FRO, Range No.V, SC Pedabayalu of Paderu Division, Visakhapatnam Circle through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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